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SUBJECT: Interrogation Techniques

B/3 1. This Headquarters is interested in collecting on a continuing basis the following types of information on interrogation (or interview) techniques used by security police organizations, police departments, court rooms, and intelligence services throughout the world, with emphasis on ~~██████████~~ methods:

a. General Interrogation: Routine interrogation methods, both formal and informal, utilizing non-technical procedures to obtain the desired information.

b. Technical Aids to Interrogation:

- (1) Physical: Various methods of physical persuasion utilized to elicit information from an uncooperative individual,
- (2) Psychological: Threats, inferences, promises, and extended procedures utilized in special interrogation approaches, softening-up processes and inducements.
- (3) Mechanical: Various drugs, such as the so-called "truth serums", utilized to break down inhibitions and resistances and to produce short or prolonged control or influence over the subject. Also mechanical techniques used as a form of medicinal duress to produce pain or discomfort to the subject.

2. Headquarters is keenly interested in securing all available information concerning this subject and you are instructed to take all possible action to fulfill these requirements without interfering with other priority assignments of your

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